

FY 2012 WPAG APPLICATION FORM Round 1

Use the provided information from to fill out the application.

CD Sponsor: Green River CD

Watershed Group: Spring Creek Watershed Committee (SCWC)

Note: Do not lump the separate parts into one document please keep the cover sheet, application, and all attachments separate and label appropriately.

Section 1) Local Commitment

The Spring Creek Watershed Committee (SCWC) functions as an open forum for watershed issue discussions, a resource for assisting private landowners with management decisions, a clearing house for water resource information, a liaison between management agencies and the public, and a catalyst and implementer of voluntary conservation and enhancement efforts. The SCWC fosters the ability of local individuals and groups to create effective long-term solutions to local problems that are based on sound information. We are a solutions-oriented group that achieves decisions by consensus.

The SCWC is a multi-stakeholder organization composed of 20 Governing Members representing diverse interests. Half of our members are ranchers. Other members represent sportsmen, conservationists, outfitters and guides, recreationists, utilities, and local government. Local, state and federal agency participants serve as technical advisors to the Committee.

The SCWC holds monthly meetings that are advertised and open to anyone interested in Big Hole Watershed issues. Our open forum includes organizing and facilitating a minimum of ten monthly meetings every year. Attendance at monthly meetings ranges from 25 to 40 people on average. There are nearly 2,000 stakeholders who keep abreast of our activities through our quarterly newsletters and our website.

Cal Stevenson, Supervisor from the Green River Conservation District, has served as a Governing Member of the SCWC since its inception and regularly attends meetings.

Section 2) Planning Activity Description: Provide information related to both the project/activity description and the

requested WPAG assistance:

Part 1- Description -Create a Spring Creek drought management plan (Goal 1, Objective 2 of attached annual work plan - Attachment B) that will provide water for fisheries as well as agriculture during critical low flow periods. Critical CFS levels for Spring Creek have been identified in the 2008 Spring Creek Fisheries Management Plan (See Attachment C). The plan will be based on both the Big Hole Watershed Committee and Blackfoot Challenges' Drought Management Plans so it can be produced at a very reasonable cost.

Background. Two scoping meetings were held in September and October 2011. One meeting had 43 people in attendance and the other 37. Over 40 local stakeholders expressed interest in the proceeding with the development of a drought management plan and signed up to be a mailing list. Representatives of DNRC and FWP also attended. (See attached meeting minutes - Attachment D).

Outcome/Final Product:: Drought Management Plan Ready for Implementation.

Responsible Parties: Water Subcommittee and the coordinator

Project Timeline: The final plan is scheduled for completion in May 2012 , so that it can be implemented in by June 2012.

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$7,700.

Part 2) WPAG Assistance. Assistance is requested or Tasks 2,3 and four (listed below) to form a drought management subcommittee, create a draft plan for public comment, holding two public comment meetings and to create a final plan.

Other sources will sought for implementation

Total WPAG Request - \$2,250

Tasks	Assistance Needed		Funding				Timeline/
	Deliverables/ Outcomes	Total Assistance Needed	WPAG Funding Request	223	In-kind	Total	

Tasks	Assistance Needed		Funding				Timeline/
Task 1 - Hold public meetings to determine if there is interest in developing a plan. Status - Completed.	Status - Completed. 2 public meetings held and 40 joined a mailing list.	25 hours @ \$30 per hour	0.00		750.00	\$750	9/11 to 10/11
Task 2 - Form a drought management plan subcommittee that will review other drought management plans and produce a draft plan for public comment.	Subcommittee Draft Plan	30 hours of coordination @ \$30 per hour = \$900. In-kind. 10 members: 5 hours @ \$20 per hour	900.00		1,000.00	\$1,900	1/1/12
Task 3 - Basin Meetings to collect comment on the draft plan	2 Public Meetings	15 hours of coordination @ \$30/hour = \$450 Subcommittee 50 hours @ \$20 per hour = \$1,000	450.00		1,000.00	\$1,450	3/1/12
Task 4 - Finalize Plan. Based on input received in Public Meetings	Finalized Draft Management Plan	40 hours of coordination @ \$30/hour = \$1200 Subcommittee 50 hours @ \$20 per hour = \$1,000	1,200.00		1,000.00	\$1,200	4/1/12

Tasks	Assistance Needed		Funding				Timeline/
Task 5 - Implement Draft Plan for 2012 - Will apply to other grant sources for implementation	Upcoming : Implement Drought Management Plan	80 hours of coordination @ \$30/hours In-kind 150 hours. <u>Funds for implementation will be sought from other sources</u>	0.00	2,400.00		\$2,400	5/1 to 11/1/2012
Totals			2,550.00	2,400.00	3,750.00	7,700.00	

Attachments:

- *A :By Laws -*
- *B: Annual Work Plan*
- *C:Spring Creek Fisheries Management Plan*
- *D: Scoping Meeting Minutes*

Section 3 Application Summary

Please total the WPAG dollar request below. A 10% CD Administration fee of the total cost can be added to the total project/Activity Cost.

Activity	Purpose*	WPAG Request
	Drought Management Plan	\$2,550.00
	Partial Funding for Headgate Replacement Study	\$5,000.00

CD ADMIN @ 10%		\$755.00
Total Request		\$ 8,305.00